**Schemes for alleviation of poverty among the backward communities**

1090. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for the alleviation of poverty among the backward communities in the country;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted on the unequal development among various backward communities in the country; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the backward classes welfare schemes in the last three years and in the current fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Government of India has been implementing the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the welfare of OBCs:—

(i) Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC Students;
(ii) Post-matric scholarships for OBC Students;
(iii) Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls;
(iv) Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for the Welfare of OBCs; and
(v) Pre-examinatioin Coaching for OBCs.

The Government of India has set up a National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), which has been entrusted with the task of providing financial assistance to the eligible members of Backward Classes for setting up of self-employment ventures.

In addition, the Government has been implementing an urban poverty alleviation programme called 'Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana' (SJSRY) to provide gainful employment to the urban poor including OBCs living below the poverty line.

The Government is also implementing following poverty alleviation programmes for the rural poor in the country:—

(i) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS);
(ii) Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY);
(iii) Swaram Jayanty Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); and
(iv) Rural Housing (RH)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

**Statement**

*Details of amount earmarked for the backward classes welfare schemes during 1997 to 2001.*

| S. No. | Scheme | Allocation (Rs. in crores) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 |
| 1. | Post-matric Scholarships for OBC Students | — | 5.00 | 5.50 | 9.00 |
| 2. | Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students | — | 2.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 |
| 3. | Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls | — | 2.00 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| 4. | Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Welfare of OBCs | — | 2.00 | 2.50 | 3.50 |
| 5. | Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs | — | 0.20 | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| 6. | National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) | 47.00 | 91.50 | 100.00 | BE—76.50 RE—Nil |

Schemes at Sl. Nos. 1—5 above are being implemented w.e.f. 1998-99.

**Review of schemes for upliftment of SCs, STs, Minorities, Etc.**

1091. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes formulated and being implemented by Government for the upliftment of SCs, STs, Minorities and Other Weaker Sections of society in the country;

(b) whether the Government have reviewed these schemes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) The following schemes are being implemented by Ministry of Social